

WHITTIER POND

Rome Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Belgrade Lakes, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiner
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 21 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 65°F 27 feet - 47°F

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Although Whittier Pond is a relatively small and shallow, it still provides good habitat for brook trout. However, large populations of warmwater fish species compete heavily with trout, thereby compromising growth and survival. As a result, the trout fishing is limited primarily to tributaries.

Chemical reclamation of Whittier Pond would probably result in a much improved trout fishery, but is not feasible at this time. Whittier Pond lies between two other waters with large populations of undesirable species. Successful reclamation would require chemically treating Watson Pond to the north and constructing a barrier dam on the outlet.

Anglers have always been allowed to travel across private land to gain access to Whittier Pond, but with no granted right-of-way this access could easily be lost.

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